## <u>Government to let by tender three</u> <u>sites in New Territories to brownfield</u> <u>operators</u>

The Lands Department (LandsD) announced today (December 18) that three pieces of government land in Yuen Long and Fanling will be let by way of short-term tenancy through tender to eligible brownfield operators affected by the land resumption and clearance exercises before or in 2022 under relevant government development projects.

The tender commences today and will close at noon on January 21, 2021. Details are described in a <u>Government Notice</u> gazetted today.

The relevant government projects include First Phase Development of Kwu Tung North/Fanling North New Development Areas, First Phase Development of Hung Shui Kiu/Ha Tsuen New Development Area, Public Housing Developments at Kam Tin South and First Phase of Public Housing Development at Wang Chau.

Under the prevailing arrangements, business operators affected by government development projects will be offered statutory compensation in accordance with the law, or ex-gratia allowances as an alternative, subject to fulfilment of relevant eligibility criteria.

A spokesperson for the LandsD said that in order to facilitate brownfield operators' relocation of businesses or operations, and to optimise the utilisation of land resources, the LandsD has been identifying suitable vacant sites on government land to let through tender by way of short-term tenancy.

The three pieces of land to be let through tender are suitable for a range of relevant brownfield operations including storage, workshop, cargo handling, recyclables collection and fee-paying public car park uses.

The spokesperson stressed that the LandsD will continue to identify vacant sites suitable for use by those brownfield operators required to be displaced and these sites will be let through tender by way of short-term tenancy.